

**Workers' Compensation Advisory Board
July 11, 2007 Meeting Minutes
Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, Springfield**

Those present at the meeting were:

Dennis R. Ruth, Chairman of the Commission

Members Present

Michael Carrigan, Illinois AFL-CIO
Frank Cavarretta United Steelworkers of America
Kim Maisch, National Federation of Independent Business
Dave Menchetti, Cullen, Haskins, Nicholson, & Menchetti
Dave Vite, Illinois Retail Merchants Association

Members Attending Via Conference Call

David Buckman, CORE Construction Group
Mark Flannery, Caterpillar, Inc.
Kim Presbrey, Presbrey & Associates
Gerald Roper, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce

Also Present

Amy Masters, Secretary of the Commission

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Chairman Ruth called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes of the Commission held on April 24, 2007, were approved.

The Chairman updated the board on the implementation of workers' compensation reform legislation, including an update on the success of the Insurance Compliance division. He noted that approximately \$1,000,000 in fines was collected by the division in FY 2007. He explained that this money would be distributed to those injured employees who were awarded benefits from employers without workers' compensation insurance. He added that upon initial review, he believed the funds collected should cover all benefits awarded to the petitioners in the previous year. Additionally, the Chairman indicated he anticipated new investigators to be hired in the upcoming year, contributing to the collection of additional fees, and more employers brought under compliance.

A motion to go into closed session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120(2)(c)(1)) was made, seconded, and the board voted unanimously to go into closed meeting pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act.

The Closed Meeting began at 1:50 p.m. and was audio recorded.

The Advisory Board returned to Open Meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Upon motion the Advisory Board meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.